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For: SEQUENCE BASED MUTATION ANALYSIS

OF NEOPLASTIC TISSUE FOR DIAGNOSIS

OR PROGNOSIS OF THE NEOPLASIA

Examiner: M. Yu

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2005, the period for reply being extended three (3) months to August 24, 2005, Applicants submit the following **Remarks/Arguments** that begin on page 2 of this paper in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application.